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Mission and Functions of the
Economic Research Area

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"The Economic Area, ..., has as its mission the production of economic intelligence on the Soviet Bloc, as defined in CIA [redacted] and the furnishing, upon request, of economic data on non-Bloc areas obtainable from other agencies. This Area will: formulate and implement the Agency intelligence-research program relating to economic capabilities, vulnerabilities, and intentions of the Soviet Bloc; provide economic intelligence reports on the Soviet Bloc that are of benefit to the IAC agencies, including economic contributions to national estimates on the Soviet Bloc, to coordinated projects of the Economic Intelligence Committee dealing with Soviet Bloc countries, and to projects placed upon the Intelligence Working Group of EDAC; support the CIA, primarily the Office of Current Intelligence, and other IAC agencies by providing all-source current economic intelligence; provide guidance for the collection and collation of economic information; study and develop techniques and methods relating to the economic intelligence process and recommend employment where appropriate; provide the organization and centralized facilities for selecting, recording, collating, and disseminating factory markings and related information on Soviet Bloc manufactures; produce finished markings intelligence based on such information; and perform such other related functions as the Assistant Director may direct."

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